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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEPATENTInventor(s): **David S. Bonalle, et al.**Docket No.: **70655.2900**Serial No.: **10/710,331** Confirmation No.: **4330**Group Art Unit: **2876**Filing Date: **July 1, 2004**Examiner: **Walsh, Daniel I.**Title: **SYSTEM FOR REGISTERING A BIOMETRIC FOR USE WITH A SMARTCARD****REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 29, 2005, wherein this Reply is timely filed within the three-month shortened statutory period for reply, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.